Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 03 Apr 2024 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 Apr 2024

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 02 Apr 2024 at 16:07 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for the unsettled conditions throughout the forecast period. Low confidence for precipitation timings and extent from Wednesday onwards.

Headline for Wednesday 03 Apr 2024: Cloudy with patchy rain, heavy at times and falling as snow above 700m.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 Apr 2024

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 Apr 2024

Weather: Mainly cloudy with patchy rain, falling as snow above 700m and occasionally heavy in the east. Best chance of any drier and brighter spells west of the A9. Falling snow level dropping to 500m in the evening. Strong east or northeasterly summit winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken or overcast cloud bases 600-700m, occasionally falling to 400m, especially at first and on eastern upslopes. Good or moderate visibility in light rain, poor at times in heavy rain or snow.

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Forecast for Wednesday 03 Apr 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/36 E	27/36 E	30/39 E	31/41 E	31/41 E	31/42 E	29/40 E	29/39 NE	27/37 NE
900	23/29 E	24/30 E	25/32 E	26/33 E	26/34 E	25/33 E	23/31 NE	22/30 NE	20/27 NE
600	13/19 E	14/20 E	16/23 E	17/25 E	18/26 E	17/25 NE	16/24 NE	14/22 NE	13/21 NE
300	8/19 NE	8/19 NE	10/21 NE	10/23 NE	11/25 E	10/23 NE	10/22 NE	9/20 NE	8/19 NE
Glen	4/15 NE	4/15 NE	5/17 NE	6/18 NE	6/20 NE	6/19 NE	6/19 NE	5/17 NE	5/16 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-12	-3/-12	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13	-5/-14	-5/-15	-6/-15
900	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-9	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-10
600	2/-3	2/-4	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	1/-5	0/-5	-0/-6	-1/-6
300	4/0	3/-0	3/-1	3/-0	4/-0	4/-0	3/-1	2/-2	1/-3
Glen	3/1	3/-0	2/-1	3/-1	4/1	4/1	3/-1	2/-2	1/-3
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	700m	700m	700m	700m	600m	500m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong summit winds will make for fairly arduous walking on exposed terrain. Note significant wind chill.

Forecast for Thursday 04 Apr 2024
Weather: Rather cloudy at first with patchy rain, falling as snow above 600m. Becoming generally drier and brighter through the day, albeit with a few showers possible at times. Low confidence on detail.

Maximum wind: 25-35mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, then increasing through the day.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility, but occasionally moderate in rain and summit snow at first and showers later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 C becoming Plus 9 C
At 800m: Minus 1 C.
Freezing level: 700m.

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